

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 219623  
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SE:AFLANIGAN:CSR  
APPROVED BY EUR/SE:CEDILLERY  
C:BHOPPER  
EUR:RDVINE  
S/S-O:JTHYDEN  
D:MBARNES

-----010555 292245Z /62

P R 292212Z AUG 78 ZFF6  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA WHITE HOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL STATE 219623

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ,INT, TU, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ELEKDAG-NIMETZ MEETING

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL ON AUGUST 28 DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM TURKISH MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG TO COUNSELOR NIMETZ. BEGIN TEXT:

I MADE A COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED PRESENTATION OF OUR TALKS IN A MEETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. I EXPLAINED IN PARTICULAR THE EXPECTATIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED TURKEY, MY IMPRESSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF U.S.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 219623

-TURKISH COOPERATION AND YOUR STATEMENTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF MR. CHRISTOPHER ON THAT SCORE. I BELIEVE THESE HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL.

THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING A DECISION IN LIGHT OF MY EXPLANATIONS. IN ORDER TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF BOTH SIDES, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DECISION SHOULD PRECEDE

THE CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF WE MET BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT TOOK A DECISION. MY COMING TO THE UNITED STATES AGAIN IN THE COMING DAYS OR YOUR VISIT TO TURKEY WILL CAUSE UNDUE SPECULATION. I SHALL BE MAKING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO SEPTEMBER 6.

I CAN STAY IN MUNICH FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS AS OF SEPTEMBER 6 EVENING. IF YOU COULD STOP OVER IN MUNICH ON YOUR WAY BACK FROM CYPRUS, WE CAN MEET FOR A FEW HOURS AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH. I WOULD NOT HAVE PROPOSED A DEVIATION FROM YOUR NORMAL ROUTE WERE I NOT CONVINCED OF THE USEFULNESS OF SUCH A MEETING.

HOPING TO RECEIVE AN EARLY REPLY. END TEXT.

2. EVENING OF AUGUST 28 AMBASSADOR ESENBEL WAS INFORMED THAT COUNSELOR NIMETZ WAS PREPARED TO FLY TO VIENNA TO MEET WITH ELEKDAG ON SEPTEMBER 7 EN ROUTE TO PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BILATERAL MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST. THIS WILL REQUIRE NIMETZ TO OVERNIGHT IN ATHENS NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 6. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED HE WILL MEET WITH ANY GOG OFFICIALS WHILE IN ATHENS.

3. TURKISH EMBASSY INFORMED COUNSELOR'S OFFICE MORNING OF AUGUST 29 THAT ELEKDAG COULD ARRIVE VIENNA EVENING OF CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 219623

SEPTEMBER 6 TO MEET WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ SEPT. 7 AT TURKISH EMBASSY AT 11:00 A.M. ELEKDAG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ERALP AND TUYGAM. THE COUNSELOR ACCEPTED AND TURKS WERE INFORMED THAT EWING WILL ACCOMPANY. ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE FROM ELEKDAG EMPHASIZED POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF MEETING AND NEED FOR STRICTEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

4. FOR ATHENS: YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM GOG AT THIS TIME OF NIMETZ PLAN TO TRANSIT ATHENS OR HIS NEED TO SPEND NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 6 IN ATHENS. FURTHER TRAVEL DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMING GOG WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TEXT, PLANNING MEETINGS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, CAT-B  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 29 aug 1978  
**Decapton Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decapton Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE219623  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** AFLANIGAN:CSR  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** RR  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** P840140-2446  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SS  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 2  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780811/aaaaajv.tel  
**Line Count:** 106  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 7bac1759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN NODS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1570133  
**Secure:** LOCK1  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PROPOSED ELEKDAG-NIMETZ MEETING  
**TAGS:** PINT, MASS, MARR, OVIP, TU, US, INT, (NIMETZ, MATTHEW), (ELEKDAG, SUKRO),  
**To:** ANKARA ATHENS MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/7bac1759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014